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Fly Bys

Commander's call

There will be a mandatory 31st Fighter Wing commander's safety call 3 p.m. Thursday. All 31st FW Airmen must attend.

Area One driving

Drivers are reminded to be extra cautious when routed past the Aviano school in Area One. Summer school students still use the area in front of the school despite the new traffic flow.

American Red Cross

All American Red Cross after-hours calls are now handled by the Stuttgart office. Call the Aviano command post at Ext. 7673 between the hours of 4:31 p.m. to 7:29 a.m. to be patched to Stuttgart.

Pavement painting

Parking lots of the Aviano Health and Wellness Center, movie theater, bank area, the Aviano Dragon Fitness Center, flight medicine, Pass and ID, 31st Communications Squadron and the Italian Air Force command section will be coned off in sections for painting beginning July 11 until 22. Call Staff Sgt. Nicolas Alessi at Ext. 6018 for more information.



Standing at attention

Airmen from the Aviano Honor Guard stand ready to present the colors at the 31st Mission Support Group change of command ceremony here June 14. The base honor guard performs traditional military drills at such ceremonies. Col. Kimberly Toney assumed command during the event from Col. Scott Chambers, who left for Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.

Enlisted corps to honor COMUSAFE with Order of the Sword induction

The U.S. Air Forces in Europe enlisted corps will bestow their highest honor on the USAFE commander Aug. 26 when they induct him into the command's Order of the Sword.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong accepted

the invitation in the presence of USAFE's command chief master sergeants and first sergeants from the First Sergeants Academy during a formal presentation June 22 at the 11th

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Family Day: The 31st Fighter Wing commander announced that July 1 will be a family day for wing Airmen.

Aviano Sortie Board

sortie: n, a flight of a combat aircraft on a mission

	Hours	Sorties
31st FW goal	1,278.4	561
ahead/behind	3.4	4
555th FS goal	487.7	338
ahead/behind	42.8	31
510th FS goal	790.7	223
ahead/behind	-39.4	-27

New agency helps sexual assault survivors

By Staff Sgt. Julie Weckerlein
31st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Aviano Airmen who are sexually assaulted now have an agency they can turn to here as new guidelines for restricted reporting went into effect across the Department of Defense June 14.

Under the new policy, active-duty or active-reserve status Airmen who are sexually assaulted may report the attack to the 31st Fighter Wing's Sexual Assault Response Coordinator agency without automatically initiating an investigation or

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From the Top: A Word From Those Who Lead

31st Fighter Wing

Commander's Corner

By Brig. Gen. Robert Yates
31st Fighter Wing commander

Good afternoon, Airmen of the World's Number One Wing.

This week, I've got a list as long as your arm of subjects to discuss. The good news is I'll have to be brief on each of them - bad news is it will take a few lines. In any case, let's get on with it.

First, I'd like to welcome a couple of senior leaders into the fold - Cols. Mike Schaffrina and Joe Ford. Colonel Schaffrina assumed command of the 31st Medical Group this week. He's going to make a huge impact on Aviano over the next couple of years. His record is spotless, his mind steely sharp, and his bedside manner is perfect for a top physician. I wish him all the best.

As for Colonel Ford, he and I go way back to the Tonopah test range where we flew F-117s together back in the stone ages. Congratulations to him for taking command of the 401st Air Expeditionary Wing - an integral part of the Aviano Team. On behalf of all the men and women of the 31st Fighter Wing, I'd like to welcome you, Kathy and family.

Next subject: the warm hospitality and generosity of our Italian hosts. Last weekend, the 31st FW participated in two major local events - a golf tournament at Lignano Golf Course and an Italian-U.S. Camaraderie Day at the Pordenone small arms firing range ("Tiro a Segne Pordenone"). In both cases, our Italian hosts went out of their way to invite us, take care of us, and ensure we left knowing that the local community appreciates the teamwork and contribution of the 31st FW to our beautiful corner of Italy. On behalf of the U.S. men and women of Aviano AB - grazie mille!

And I'd like to devote a few lines to call attention to Aviano's up-and-coming young leaders. Last Thursday, I was privileged to participate in the graduation of Aviano Airman Leadership School Class 05-E. In all, thirty-five bright and shiny staff sergeants

and senior airmen graduated from ALS, led by a fine Louisiana gentleman, their class commander, Staff Sgt. Erick Mire. Although the competition was stiff, Senior Airman Nathan Caldwell earned the John Levitow Award, and we all know that is a huge accomplishment. Congratulations to all graduates of ALS Class 05-E.

The final news item is "upcoming events." Next Thursday, we will have a brief safety call and wing commander's call at 3 p.m. in front of Hangar One. Everyone is required to attend. We will assemble and line up by unit, receive some words of safety wisdom and good cheer from yours truly - Dragon One - and then head into the long weekend. It's not too early to start thinking about safety right now: reduce risk, assess conditions and choose wisely.

We will host the local Italian community July 4 during our Independence Day picnic and gala event. Features will include the Eagles vs. Chiefs softball extravaganza, a horseshoe tournament, great food and an opportunity to return the warm hospitality we benefit from each day from the local community. I encourage each of you to bring family and friends out to enjoy a patriotic day of fun, tradition and friendship right here at Aviano Air Base. Further details will be available via AFN, next week's Vigileer, your chain of command, and various other media. Hope to see y'all there.

In closing, I want to re-emphasize the fact that it is an honor to be your commander. You all are the best. Let's keep it that way. And remember, it's a privilege and honor to be on the 31st FW Team at Aviano AB - "Winnersville ITA." Have a safe weekend; I look forward to seeing y'all around Winnersville next week!



Brig. Gen. Robert Yates presents a coin to Senior Airman Steven Innis after he spent the day shadowing him.

Aviano Airman of the Week

Name: Senior Airman Steven Innis
Unit: 31st Maintenance Squadron, armament maintenance
Time in service: Four and a half years
Hometown: Rushville, Ind.
Family: His wife, Staff Sgt. Yuri Innis, is assigned to White Sands missile range
Hobbies: Motocross, snow skiing, hiking
Accomplishments: Airman Innis was selected as a Dragon Shadow for his outstanding performance with the 31st MXS.

Air Force Thunderbirds welcome first female pilot

U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," officials announced their new pilots for the 2006 demonstration season which includes the first female demonstration pilot in the 52-year history of the Thunderbirds.

Capt. Nicole Malachowski, of the 494th Fighter Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, joins the team as the first female demonstration pilot on any U.S. military high performance jet team.

Lt. Col. Kevin Robbins, from the Air Force Weapons School was selected to be the lead pilot and the squadron commander.

Capt. Ed Casey, of the 56th Training Squadron at Luke AFB, Ariz., was the other new demonstration pilot named to the team.

Capt. Tad Clark, of the 52nd Operations Support Squadron at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, is the new advanced pilot and narrator.

Returning pilots include Maj. Rusty Keen, Steve Horton, Brian Farrar and Jeremy Sloane.

The U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron is an Air Combat Command unit comprising eight pilots, six of whom are demonstration pilots; four support officers; four civilians; and about 120 enlisted Airmen in more than 29 career specialties.

A Thunderbirds' demonstration is a mix of six aircraft performing formation flying and solo routines. The four-aircraft diamond formation demonstrates the training and precision of Air Force pilots, while the solos highlight the maximum capabilities of the F-16 Fighting Falcon.

The team's first performance was June 8, 1953, at Luke. Since then, the Thunderbirds have flown for more than 310 million people at 3,944 air demonstrations in all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries. (*Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service*)



U.S. Air Force photo

Capt. Nicole Malachowski was selected for the 2006 U.S. Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, "Thunderbirds," team.

Out to lunch: The 31st Civil Engineer Squadron is holding their annual picnic today. Call Ext. 5755 for all emergency service calls.

Language guidelines help with English-only confusion

By Master Sgt. Steven Goldman
96th Air Base Wing, Eglin AFB, Fla.

An issue of uncertainty exists for some servicemembers about whether languages other than English can be spoken in the workplace.

Military Equal Opportunity offices have received numerous inquiries into this topic.

As stated in Air Force Instruction 36-2706, Military Equal Opportunity Program, it's Department of Defense and Air Force policy not to condone or tolerate unlawful discrimination or sexual harassment within the Armed Forces or in the civilian workforce. The Air Force implements core elements to assist commanders in measuring MEO program effectiveness: policy, communications, education and training, enforcement and assessments.

It is unlawful to discriminate against an individual or group because of their race, color, national origin, religion, or sex. This includes discrimination based on the individual's birthplace, ancestry, culture or the linguistic characteristics common to a specific ethnic group.

The operational language of the Air Force is English. Air Force servicemembers must maintain sufficient proficiency in English to perform their military duties. All official communications must be understood by everyone who has a need to know the content. Commanders may require Air Force members to use English only when such use is clearly necessary and proper for the performance of military duties.

Accordingly, commanders, supervisors and managers at all levels must not require the use of English for personal communications, which are unrelated to military functions.

From a military perspective, speaking a language other than English in the workplace is acceptable as long as it doesn't cre-

ate a safety hazard or violation, adversely impact the morale and cohesion within the organization or negatively impact mission accomplishment.

There are some guidelines that employers can follow to avoid concerns:

- Include a statement in discrimination policies that prohibits harassment, intimidation, or discrimination of any kind on the basis of national origin. Explain to employees that an example of conduct prohibited by this provision includes intentionally isolating or excluding other employees by speaking in a language the other employees don't understand.

- If the employer believes that it's necessary for the efficient and safe operation of the business to require employees to speak only English, make sure that the policy only requires English to be spoken while an employee is performing the official duties of the job. Make sure the policy allows employees to speak another language in casual conversation unrelated to the performance of job duties and while the employee is on breaks or otherwise off duty.

- Give employees a clear explanation of when the policy applies and when it doesn't.

Another perspective to think about is this; those individuals engaging in a conversation involving a language other than English, need to think about the message or perception sent to others. Perception is reality to those on the receiving end. Intent could be totally harmless, but the impact on the morale and teamwork of an organization can have a lasting adverse effect.

The bottom line of this controversy is it does allow members of organizations to speak a language other than English as long as it's not done in the performance of official duties. Call EEO at Ext. 4319 or MEO at Ext. 5837, if you require additional guidance.

RESCON CORNER

The 31st Fighter Wing is in **RESCON ALPHA**.

It's been **13** days since the last drunk driving incident.

Focus on Combat and Special Interest Programs

Hidden Heroes

Hidden Heroes is a program designed to increase volunteerism throughout USAFE by identifying volunteer opportunities and encouraging active duty, DoD civilian, and eligible family members throughout the command to serve as volunteers on base and in their surrounding communities. It also recognizes volunteers for the significant contributions they make to improve their base and local community.



Fabrizio Pin

On target

Brig. Gen. Robert Yates, 31st Fighter Wing commander, receives a memento from retired Italian Brig. Gen. Antonio Carabba, president of the Pordenone shooting club, during the Fourth Annual Italian-American Shooting Day at a small arms range in Pordenone.

TRICARE: Visit www.europe.tricare.osd.mil/ to learn more about TRICARE health benefits.



★★ 4th of July Celebration★★

Sunday, 3 July & Monday, 4 July ★ 1200 - 2400 ★ Freedom Park Sports Complex
Carnival rides, live music, food, batting cage specials, chili cook off, youth games, softball tournaments, sporting events and
SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS!

Courtesy of 31st Services Squadron



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2 July	0800-2100	Softball Tournament Games	3 July	2100	Velvet Dress Band
3 July	1200-2400	Carnival Rides/Food Booths	4 July	0900	Chiefs vs. Eagles Softball Game
3 July	1200-2200	Batting Cages w/ Contests	4 July	1200-2400	Carnival Rides/Food Booths
3 July	1200	Chili Cook Off	4 July	1200-2200	Batting Cages w/ Contests
3 July	1500-1800	*Carney Cash (ride coupons) Give-Away	4 July	1500-1615	Plug in Baby Band
3 July	1500	Hot Dog Eating Contest	4 July	1700-1900	Youth Games & Activities @ track area
3 July	1500	Sacile Community Orchestra (Fest Tent)	4 July	1700-1900	Franklin School Performing Arts (Fest Tent)
3 July	1700-2000	Band (Fest Tent)	4 July	2030-2400	Whiskey River C&W (Fest Tent)
3 July	1800	Watermelon Eating Contest	4 July	2200	Fireworks

*Kids only. Coupons valued at €2 each; €6 per child maximum

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having their name, or the name of their assailant, reported up through their chain of command.

"Before this policy went into effect across the Department of Defense, Airmen who reported such assaults were immediately thrust into an investigation," said Capt. Karin DeAngelis, who is Aviano's SARC chief. "This new agency offers a restricted option. The focus is for survivors to get treatment first, and to deal with the situation on their own terms, whether that includes an investigation or not."

SARC coordinators, healthcare providers and a SARC-appointed victim advocates assist the survivors of sexual assaults, all under the condition of confidentiality.

"Once we are contacted, we remain with the survivor for the entire process and recovery," said Captain DeAngelis. "If the survivor wants to, they are given a medical exam, where evidence is collected, and treatment is provided for any physical or emotional trauma." All evidence collected is considered restricted and not releasable for investigation until the survivor deems otherwise.

"A restricted report can be made unrestricted at any time; however, evidence collected will be disposed of after one year," said Teresa Beasley, U.S. Air Forces in Europe SARC. Restricted reporting is intended to give a victim time and increased control over the release and management of his or her personal information.

"People who have been raped or sexually assaulted often feel so out of control and violated that they may not trust anyone," she said. "A lot of people don't feel ready to make the report right after it's happened. It's not a good time to make a decision when you're that stressed."

Within 24 hours of a restricted report of an alleged sexual assault, the vice wing commander is informed of the incident without personal identifying information. This allows commanders to assess the climate of their organization while maintaining the survivor's privacy. Though increased emphasis on risk management and making smart decisions is the key to the Air Force's new policy, Captain DeAngelis said the survivor's well-being is the heart of the program.

"This is the place where people can turn to after a sexual attack," she said. "This is where we put their needs first and make sure they are taken care of immediately." (*Information also provided by 1st Lt. Elizabeth Culbertson, U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service*)

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Worldwide Command Chiefs Conference held at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"This is such serious business," said General Foglesong, overwhelmed by the invitation. "I'm very honored and touched."

Chief Master Sgt. Gary G. Coleman, USAFE command chief master sergeant, who formally presented General Foglesong with the invitation on behalf of the enlisted corps, said the decision to honor the general was unanimous across the command.

"It's our way -- the best way -- of honoring General Foglesong for his total dedication, and passionate concern for USAFE enlisted men and women and their families," said Chief Coleman.

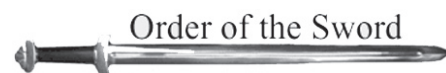
"Since taking the USAFE flag, General Foglesong has worked tirelessly supporting the enlisted force under his command," the chief said. "We can take any one of the 15 Combat and Special Interest Programs he's instituted within this command and see that they embody the development of the enlisted force. Strengthening the work and personal environments of members throughout USAFE, the general has not only made USAFE the best place to live and work, but he's created an environment for our Airmen to grow -- spiritually, mentally and physically."

A 33-year Air Force veteran who has commanded USAFE since August 2003, General Foglesong will become only the 16th recipient honored with the USAFE Order of the Sword when the enlisted corps formally induct him in August.

"This is not an award we present lightly; every Airman in this command can take pride in this induction," Chief Coleman said. "We are honoring a great leader whose vision and focus has ensured we are ready to fight and postured to respond anywhere in the world, while providing superior services to you -- the world-class men and women of USAFE."

It's also not an award the general is taking lightly.

Order of the Sword is an ancient ceremony rich in tradition. The ceremony is conducted by NCO's to honor leaders who have made significant contributions to the enlisted corps. Earliest traditions hold that ancient NCOs would, on occasion, honor a leader and pledge their loyalty by ceremoniously presenting the leader a sword. The sword -- a symbol of truth, justice, and power rightfully used -- served as a token for all to see and know that here was a leader among leaders. That ceremony was revived among the enlisted corps of the Air Force as the Order of the Sword.



Order of the Sword

"My dad was an NCO in the U.S. Navy and I fully realize what this induction means," said the general, who plans to send the induction announcement to his mother. "I couldn't be more humbled, and I know my mother will be proud."

The Order of the Sword is the highest honor the Air Force enlisted corps can bestow on an officer. The tradition dates back to medieval times, when noncommissioned officers presented their leaders with a sword as a symbolic gesture of loyalty. It is patterned after two orders of chivalry founded in Europe during the Middle Ages -- the Royal Order of the Sword and the Swedish Military Order of the Sword. Both orders still exist today.

For more information about the August ceremony, contact your wing command chief or first sergeant. (*By Master Sgt. Mona Ferrell, USAFE Public Affairs*)

Extended hours: The Flightline Roveredo gate now opens at 5:30 a.m. weekdays.

Officials release Albania accident report

An accident investigation board at Hurlburt Field, Fla., found that a loss of situational awareness by the flight deck crew caused the March 31 crash of an Air Force MC-130H Combat Talon II in Albania.

The nine Airmen on the 7th Special Operations Squadron aircraft, based at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England, were killed. The aircrew was on joint nighttime training mission when the aircraft crashed in a remote mountain location near Tirana, Albania.

The board determined that the crew's loss of situational awareness placed the aircraft in too low a climb with respect to the surrounding mountainous terrain. Responding to the situation, the crew did not use all available power and stalled the aircraft during a turning climb. This resulted in a loss of aircraft control and almost immediate crash. (*Air Force News Service*)

Wing promotions

Aviano Airmen are invited to the next wing promotion ceremony, 9 a.m. Thursday at Hangar One. For more information, call Master Sgt. Arthur Kane at Ext. 4951.

Bible school

Vacation bible school begins Monday and continues through July 1 at the Aviano Chapel, religious education building, 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. To register a child or volunteer to help, visit www.myvbs.com/avianobasechapel or call Ext. 6071 or Ext. 6068.

Sure Start program

Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe elementary schools are accepting applications for the Sure Start program for the 2005-2006 school year. All Sure Start students must be command sponsored. Four-year-old children who are considered for Sure Start must have been born on or before October 31, 2001. Four-year-olds whose sponsor is equivalent of E-1/GS-1 to E-4/GS-4 have first priority

for enrollment in Sure Start. Program applications are available at Aviano Elementary. For more information, call Beverly Erdmann at DSN 355-8764.

Toastmasters

The Aviano Toastmasters hosts a Toastmaster demonstration meeting 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday in the operations group conference room, Bldg. 1360. For more information, call Ext. 7551 or Ext. 4285.

PTA volunteers

The Aviano Elementary School Parent Teacher Association seeks motivated people to act as volunteer chairpersons for various event committees. Volunteers don't need to have a child at the school to sign up. For more information, call Leah Gooden at 0434-919-635 or e-mail her at bracegirl1@aol.com.

Group closure

The 31st Medical Group is closed July 1 and 4 in observance of Independence Day. There will be extended care

hours at the Family Practice Clinic in Area One on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. If you need an appointment during extended care hours, call Ext. 5000. For emergencies, go to Pordenone or the closest Emergency Room. For life-threatening emergencies, call 118. All medical group clinics will reopen on Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. July 5.

Investing classes

The Aviano Family Support Center offers an investing 101 class for the beginning investor 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday. A copy of your LES is needed. For more information, call Ext. 5657.

Combined briefing

The next Palace Front and Palace Chase Briefing is 2 p.m. July 11 in the 31st Mission Support Group Conference Room, Bldg. 1403, in the Flightline area. As an outprocessing requirement, the Palace Front briefing is mandatory for all re-enlistment eligible Airmen who are electing to separate from the Air Force. Airmen interested in early separation through Palace Chase can also attend this briefing. For more information, call Master Sgt. Janet Boyles at Ext. 4919.

Girl Scouts

The Aviano Girl Scouts are hosting a western theme round-up camp August 9 to 13 with a sleep-over August 12. Cost for registered Girl Scouts is \$40 and \$50 for non-registered girls. For more information, call Valery Hodgson at 0434-30-768521 or e-mail her at cookie6886@yahoo.com.

Sponsor training

Sponsor training is structured to provide sponsors with current information and procedures needed to make the transition smooth. One-on-one briefings, squadron based training and bi-weekly classes are available. Remember impressions are lasting. The next sponsor training class is 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Money Matters\$

- A new credit card scam offers low rates on supposedly pre-approved cards, but asks people to provide a checking account number and authorize a one-time \$299 processing fee. Ignore this offer; It's illegal for a company to ask for a payment before giving you credit or a credit card.

- Some credit card issuers specify to the minute when payment is due. If they payment is five minutes late, the cardholder can be charged a late fee anywhere from \$29-\$35. Late payments can also be posted on your credit report which can reduce your Fair Isaac Credit Organization score by as much as 50 points. Read your credit card statement to find the exact due date and time.

- To make credit card purchases without worrying about your account number being stolen, use a single-use number. If you hold a card issued by Citibank, Discover, or MBNA you can get a free temporary account number to use when buying on-line, by phone or by mail. The number is linked to your traditional account but expires after one use. Call your card company for more information.

The Aviano Family Support Center provides one-on-one financial counseling. For more information, call Tom Snyder at Ext. 5656.

Reel Times

Today, 5 p.m. - "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" Rated PG-13 -Three years after the Battle of Geonosis, the Clone Wars are coming to a close. Obi-Wan Kenobi is dispatched to bring down Count Dooku and General Grievous. Chancellor Palpatine with Anakin Skywalker's help, begins to turn the Republic into the Galactic Empire. Starring: Ewan McGregor, Hayden Christensen

Saturday, 2 p.m. - "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" Rated PG-13

Saturday, 7 p.m. - "House of Wax" - Rated R - A group of friends fall prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. Staring: Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray and Paris Hilton

Sunday, 2 p.m. - "Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith" Rated PG-13

Sunday, 7 p.m. - "King's Ransom" Rated PG-13 - A wealthy businessman's soon to be ex-wife has plans to take him for everything he's worth. Determined to avoid losing his fortune, he plans his own kidnapping. Staring: Anthony Anderson and Leila Arcieri

Wednesday, 7 p.m. - "House of Wax" - Rated R

Thursday, 7 p.m. - "King's Ransom" Rated PG-13

July 1, 5 p.m. - "A Lot Like Love" Rated PG-13 - Oliver and Emily meet on a plane and spend the next seven years becoming friends until they realize they love each other. Starring: Ashton Kutcher and Amanda Peet
(Titles and times are courtesy of www.aafes.com, and are subject to change.)



Technical sergeant promotees

Jason Neil Clark, 31st Aeromedical Squadron • **Troy Thomas Jr.**, 31st AMDS • **Joseph Baltazar**, 31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron • **James Blake Jr.**, 31st AMXS • **Brian Card**, 31st AMXS • **Douglas Derlich**, 31st AMXS • **Daniel Griffet**, 31st AMXS • **Daniel Higgins**, 31st AMXS • **Jay McKee**, 31st AMXS • **Glenn Nowacki**, 31st AMXS • **William Palowski**, 31st AMXS • **Michael Primmer**, 31st AMXS • **Robert Smith Jr.**, 31st AMXS • **Branden Cadman**, 31st Civil Engineer Squadron • **Christopher Corbett**, 31st CES • **Jesse Hardin**, 31st CES • **Paul Hein**, 31st CES • **James Johnson**, 31st CES • **Raymond Lucero**, 31st CES • **Jennifer Miller**, 31st CES • **Christopher Winters**, 31st CES • **Jennifer Stone**, 31st Comptrollers • **Michael Detiege**, 31st Communications Squadron • **Shane Knapp**, 31st CS • **Andre Newsome**, 31st CS • **Ryan Norwood**, 31st CS • **David Sewall**, 31st CS • **Jason Williams**, 31st CS • **Jeffery Williamson**, 31st CS • **Mary Clark**, 31st Dental Squadron • **Gary Detienne**, 31st DS • **Stephen Radke**, 31st DS • **Jerome Baysmore**, 31st Fighter Wing • **Marcia Caston**, 31st FW • **Yakeem Jones**, 31st FW • **Carlos Rodriguez**, 31st FW • **Nadia Tate**, 31st FW • **Benjamin Trevino**, 31st FW • **Derrick Alston**, 31st Logistics Readiness Squadron • **Stephan Beck**, 31st LRS • **Robert Bradley**, 31st LRS • **Michael Dunblazier**, 31st LRS • **Don Hobbs**, 31st LRS • **Brian Hoff**, 31st LRS • **Diron Jefferson**, 31st LRS • **Pamela Knapp**, 31st LRS • **Glen Rathke**, 31st LRS • **Lonnie Wisdom**, 31st LRS • **Russell Yakim**, 31st LRS • **Ray Angel**, 31st Medical Operations Squadron • **Donelle Clark**, 31st MDOS • **Lizette Delapaz**, 31st MDOS • **Victoria Gaines**, 31st MDOS • **Erik Mostacero**, 31st MDOS • **Randall Wallace**, 31st MDOS • **Sharonda Hardy**, 31st Medical Support Squadron • **Rhonda Phillips**, 31st MDSS • **Reginald Surratt**, 31st MDSS • **Phillip Shepherd**, 31st Maintenance Operations Squadron • **Donna Williams**, 31st MOS • **David Desjardin**, 31st Mission Support Squadron • **Heather Stanfield**, 31st MSS • **Jason Baziotis**, 31st Maintenance Group • **Lawrence Bredwell**, 31st MXG • **Mark Naglack**, 31st MXG •



Technical sergeants wear a chevron of five stripes with a silver star in the center. Pay grade is E-6. They hold a 7-skill level and are qualified to perform highly complex technical duties in addition to providing supervision. They are responsible for the career development of all enlisted personnel under their supervision. They must obtain maximum performance from each subordinate and ensure the product or service is of the quality necessary for total mission effectiveness.

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Promotion information

The following are Air Force Personnel Center statistics about this recent promotion cycle.

- **43, 379** - total number of Airmen eligible for technical sergeant promotion
 - **9, 116** - total number of Airmen selected for technical sergeant
 - **21.01 percent** - Air Force-wide selection rate
 - **25,454** - total number of Airmen eligible for master sergeant promotion
 - **6,630** - total number of Airmen selected for master sergeant
 - **26.05 percent** - Air-Force wide selection rate
- People can access their data verification record and score notice on vMPF by doing the following:

- Go to www.afpc.randolph.af.mil
- Click on Virtual MPF in the upper right corner
- Secure Self-Service
- Click on "Next Page"
- Type in USERID and PASSWORD
- Click on "Secure Login"
- Click on "vMPF"
- Verify e-mail and phone number
- Click on "I have verified my e-mail and phone"
- Click on "Individual actions" and "Promotions"
- Click on "Enlisted Promotion Information" and "Enlisted Data Verification Record" or "WAPS Score Notice: Cycle XXXXXX"
- Print and review for accuracy

Off-duty Australian vacation travel site opens

By Tim Hippi
U.S. Army Community and
Family Support Center

Military travelers can purchase vacations to Australia for about the same cost as a getaway to Europe simply by visiting a military-sponsored Web site.

Authorized morale, welfare and recreation patrons can go to the Off-Duty Travel Web site and click on "Joint Services Travel Specials" to begin a step-by-step process for building itineraries to a vacation down under.

After preparing the itinerary, they can visit a supporting information, ticket and reservation office or information, tickets and travel office to finalize the booking, confirm arrangements and pay for the vacation.

"We're estimating these packages will be 10 to 30 percent less expensive than anything else they're going to be able to find," said Dan Yount, chief of Army Leisure Travel Services at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

MWR patrons can purchase eight-day trips from Los Angeles to Sydney, including lodging at three- or four-star hotels with some tours, starting as low as \$1,300. It can be even more affordable for servicemembers on rest-and-recuperation leave from operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

"If someone is on R and R leave out of either Iraq or Afghanistan, the government will fly them any place that is shown as their destination on their leave orders," Mr. Yount said. "So when they're planning their R and R leave, and enter Sydney, Australia, as the leave destination, the transportation office will arrange transportation to Sydney."

"This is a benefit that could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to go on a



Courtesy photo

The oldest city in Australia, Sydney abounds with well-known tourist attractions such as the Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

great vacation with Uncle Sam paying a major part of the expense," he said.

The Australian packages are available to active-duty people, members of the reserve components, retired military, family members and Defense Department civilians.

"Any authorized MWR patron (who) can provide proof of DOD affiliation is eligible," Mr. Yount said. "This kind of a product hasn't been available on a lot of military bases since 1999, when the Army and Navy parted company with commercial travel contractors providing leisure travel services on many installations. And it's never been available at a price this low."

Deployed servicemembers approved to take authorized R and R leave can click on the "R and R Troop Travel" link for more information. MWR patrons can also click on the "Great Travel Deals" link. Deals include numerous vacation packages to all eight of Australia's states.

Mr. Yount said prices fluctuate based on the season, but said there is no bad time to visit Australia.

"Australian seasons are the opposite of ours, with winter occurring in June, July and August, and summer starting in January," Mr. Yount said.

"Weather patterns are much milder than a winter in the northeastern United

States or the Midwest."

New York, Los Angeles and Honolulu are the embarkation points. Travelers can make arrangements from their nearest airport as part of the travel package using a Qantas code-share partner, or they may make their own travel arrangements to those destinations.

If travelers do not have access to a local travel office, they can make arrangements via e-mail or telephone. A deposit that includes the full price of the airline ticket and a percentage of the land packages will be required upon booking. Travelers will have until 45 days before departure to finish paying for the package.

"Somebody who wants to book a year out is going to be able to take their time paying, and it probably won't be painful at any one time," Mr. Yount said. "If somebody wants to pay all at once and leave in a week or two, that's their privilege, too. If they make (the reservation) within 45 days, they have to pay immediately."

Mr. Yount said the Australian vacation's affordability is tough to beat.

"We regard this opportunity as a great example of MWR in action to provide affordable, top-quality services and products at a price unavailable off the base," he said.

Travel information: Check out www.freetraveltips.com for tips on taking cruises, traveling with children and more.



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Construction on the unfinished Temple de la Sagrada Família in Barcelona began in 1877.

Information, Tickets and Tours

Upcoming tours from the Information, Tickets and Travel office include:

- July 1 to 4 - Fourth of July special in Spain (Barcelona, Madrid and Toledo)
- July 2 - Guided San Marco, sign up by Wednesday
- July 2 - Lake Garda Parco Zoo, sign up by Wednesday
- July 3 - Opera Aida, sign up by Wednesday

- July 4 - Caneva World's Aquapara-dise, sign up by Wednesday

- July 9 - Croatia by boat, sign up by July 6

The ITT escort will ensure the group arrives and departs from the destination as scheduled and will do everything possible to make the trip safe and comfortable. He or she will provide general information about the area as well. Call Ext. 5072 or 5026.

Tips for coping with summer heat

Considering the number of summer activities Airmen are involved in, high exposure to heat is a dangerous problem. For this reason, being able to recognize, treat and prevent heat-associated illnesses is important.

People should know how the body cools itself when it gets hot. Two things happen – increased blood flow to the skin and evaporation of sweat. Both of these physiological responses require proper hydration. Sweating additionally requires electrolyte replacement, principally in the form of sodium. When water, sodium and other electrolytes are not replaced, heart transfer is impeded, body core temperature rises and the stage is set for heat illness.

There are varying degrees of heat disorders starting with the least serious – heat syncope.

Syncope involves fainting, usually due to an improper cool-down and is easily treated by having the person lie down in the shade with their legs elevated and drink cold fluids. Heat cramps affect the legs and abdomen. The cause is usually due to the sodium loss during sweating. Treatment of heat cramps involves rest, cool-down, muscle



massage and sodium replacement via a sports drink.

The remaining heat illnesses are very serious and require medical attention. Heat exhaustion is characterized by thirst, headaches, nausea, dizziness, fever, vomiting, fatigue and impaired judgment. While arranging transportation to the hospital, have the person rest, cool-down and drink cool fluids. At the hospital, they will be able to monitor sodium level during re-hydration.

Heat stroke is the most serious case of heat illness. Characteristics include hot, flushed skin, confusion, rapid heartbeat, shallow breathing, high fever and the victim may become unconscious. This condition is serious; CPR may be necessary.

So, how is heat illness

prevented? Drink plenty of fluids. Stick with water or sports drinks and avoid caffeine because of its diuretic effect. People should drink a full quart per hour, but don't exceed 1.5 quarts per hour. Excessive drinking can bring on a condition known as hyponatremia. This condition occurs when sodium is lost through sweating and the over-hydration dilutes what sodium remains in your blood.

Hyponatremia symptoms may resemble heat exhaustion or heat stroke, except that the body temperature won't rise. Hyponatremia can result in seizures, coma and even death.

When it comes to heat illness, prevention is key. *(31st Fighter Wing, Public Affairs)*

Fly Bys

Baseball tournament

The Aviano Dragons traveling youth baseball team hosts the Second Annual American-Italian Goodwill baseball tournament, beginning 3 p.m. today through Sunday at the baseball complex in the Flightline Area.

5K fun run

The Aviano Dragon Fitness Center hosts an Independence Day 5k fun run 9 a.m. July 1. For more information, call the Dragon Fitness Center at Ext. 7459.

Park closure

The Freedom Park area closes Wednesday until July 5 for the Fourth of July celebration.

Mountain biking

Families can go on a free mountain bike ride 10 a.m. July 9, departing from Area One next to the community center. For more information, call Ext. 8623.

Gone fishing

Aviano Outdoor Recreation hosts a trout fishing trip 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 16. Cost is 3.50 Euro per kilogram and there is a \$5 transportation fee per person. Sign up by July 8.

Go deep-sea fishing July 24. The trip departs from the Outdoor Recreation Center at 6 a.m. The all-day trip costs 50 Euro and includes transportation, lunch on board and tackle and bait. For more information on either trip, call Ext. 8623.

Stars and strikes

Now through August, bowlers can earn prizes by collecting punches on three levels of punch cards. Every card completed becomes an entry for monthly prizes and a chance to win \$500.

The Aviano Bowling Center is in Area One, Bldg. 176. It's open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and 10 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturdays. Call Ext. 7487 for more information.

June is skin cancer awareness month

Protection from sun exposure is important all year, not just during summer or at the beach. Any time the sun's ultraviolet rays are able to reach the earth, people need to protect themselves from excessive sun exposure.

UV rays can cause skin damage during any season or temperature. The hours between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. are the most hazardous for exposure. UV rays will also reflect off any surface like water, cement, sand and snow.

There are three types of UV rays: ultraviolet A, ultraviolet B and ultraviolet C. UVA is the most abundant source of solar radiation at the earth's surface and penetrates

beyond the top layer of human skin. Scientists believe that UVA radiation can cause damage to connective tissue and increase a person's risk for developing skin cancer.

Getting some sun exposure can give some positive results, however excessive and unprotected exposure can result in premature aging and has been associated with various types of skin cancer. To counter these effects, wear protective clothing, such as a wide-brimmed hat, long-sleeved shirt and long pants. For eye protection, wear wraparound sunglasses that provide 100 percent UV ray protection. Always wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen and lip-screen with at least SPF 15. *(31st Fighter Wing, Public Affairs)*

Things my father taught me

Airman applies lessons from "fathers"

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Munsey
379th Air Expeditionary Wing
Public Affairs

All around the States barbecue grills and big-screen TVs are the focal points for generations of family members celebrating the day designated just for their dad. Yet for most of us deployed and stationed around the world, the words 'father' and 'farther' are connected by more than just similar letters.

And since, in exchange for his several hundred dollars worth of hygiene-product-and salty-snack-heavy care packages sent to me here in Southwest Asia, I have already exhausted gift ideas by sending my pops the obligatory deployed location t-shirt and hat combo, I thought instead I would share a few lessons he and other fathers in my life have taught me.

My dad, Ev Munsey: 'In sports it's the name on front of your uniform jersey, not the one on the back, that counts.'

True greatness is a team effort. Like Dominique Wilkins, Michael Jordan was a great baller on a lousy team in the early and mid 80s. Unlike 'Nique, MJ finally realized there would be no bling or any rings without accentuating the best attributes of his Chicago roster mates. Now Jordan is an icon and Wilkins does potato chip ads with Bill Walton. You do the math.

Think about your greatest 'blue' accomplishments. Are any of them truly a solo effort? Pay it forward.

Father Bob Cole, 3rd grade, St. John's Elementary School, Laconia, N.H.: 'Everyone deserves a chance ... or two ... or three.'

One Sunday Father Cole found himself sans altar boy minutes before mass started. Like Courtney Cox in that Springsteen video, I was pulled from the crowd (because 'pulled from the pew' is a tad seemly) for my first public performance. Mercifully, there was no dancing involved.

In a description that would become a life-long theme, I suddenly realized I had no idea

what I was doing. As I got outfitted in garb meant for trained assistants four years my elder, Father Bob desperately tried to calm me. As I'm kneeling by the altar, he told me every time I saw him tap his right foot I was supposed to ring the little bell.

Seemed simple enough.

After the service ended, backstage if you will, I asked for some performance feedback (speaking of life-long lessons to avoid). He shared it was the first time he could say with absolute certainty that no one fell asleep during his mass, but when the entire congregation is collectively covering their ears, perhaps a gentler touch is in order.

He let me try again, repeatedly. I only wish I could say I got better...

Here in the desert, most of our daily duties are just skewed enough that everyone has a learning curve. Instead of letting the heat boil you over inside, why not take a moment to cool down and hate neither deployer nor the game.

James Brown, the Godfather of soul: 'Be the hardest working person around.'

I had this video tape of him from a 60s concert, black and white and mere months before he lost his tailor to Vegas Elvis. Towards the end, he 'shakes off the cape' four times. That is an encore to the encore to the encore of the first encore if I do the math correctly. And the crowd was going certifiable.

What if we all approached our jobs that way, careening past standards-meeting duty performance by anticipating and providing what else our customer would want? I personally would pay handsomely to have the phrase 'that's not my job' removed from the English language. Give it a shot. I am willing to bet you will get back more than you put in.

That is about it, except for a shout out to my pops. You gave me the greatest gift a father can give a son (besides a Porsche for graduation, but I'm just about over that). Along with my two brothers and sister, you helped to give us all a sense of self-identity.

But I still need more towels. And more salty-snack products, same mailing address.



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Kudos: Recognizing Those Who Serve

"I would like to recognize Kurtis McClain for his outstanding work in support of Operation Sphinx, an ongoing charitable effort in support of Egyptian orphans. Through his selfless devotion to this effort, he personally collected and shipped over 600 pounds of much needed clothing to the Children's Orphanage of Beni Suef, Egypt. Via his work on their behalf, Kurtis has significantly improved the quality of life of these needy children. He has shown how much the work of one person can impact others and acted as an American ambassador. Kudos to Kurtis.

- Dr. Patricia K. Santare

"It is our pleasure to announce the Aviano Top Three Association Term V scholarship winners: Tyler Lanham, Jennifer Lucas, Michael Shaffer, Aaron Wasson and Wayland Wong."

- Aviano Top Three Association